

K-A The Hubbard House
Chestertown
private

1877

The Hubbard House is one of the monumental high Victorian residences in Chestertown. Its marriage of classical and gothic effects is bold but entirely successful. The principal architectural feature is the ~~the~~ balance achieved by a combination of high peaked gables and the hipped roof with platform. The most interesting technical accomplishment is the manner in which its L plan has been adapted to create the impression of a fourth gable extending to the rear. The house was built for Thomas Hubbard in 1877 and has been flawlessly preserved.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hubbard House

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

402 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
___ STRUCTURE
___ SITE
___ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
___ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___ IN PROCESS
___ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
___ UNOCCUPIED
___ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___ YES, RESTRICTED
___ YES, UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

___ AGRICULTURE
___ COMMERCIAL
___ EDUCATIONAL
___ ENTERTAINMENT
___ GOVERNMENT
___ INDUSTRIAL
___ MILITARY
___ MUSEUM
___ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ RELIGIOUS
___ SCIENTIFIC
___ TRANSPORTATION
___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Elizabeth Covey

Telephone #: 773 1722

STREET & NUMBER

402 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: APR 7

Folio #: 381

STREET & NUMBER

Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hubbard House is located on the north side of High Street between the Kent County Office Building and the county library property, just above the center of downtown Chestertown.

It is a large scale $2\frac{1}{2}$ -story frame high Victorian style house, five bays wide and two deep with a symmetrical facade. There is a single story porch with a flat roof across the three central bays of the facade and high gables on three sides which reach nearly to the platform of the hipped roof. There is an L-section to the rear which is set in such a way that from the east (right) side, its roof gives the appearance of being the extension of a fourth gable. The house is covered with clapboard.

There is a brick basement. The wood porch sits on a high brick foundation, has four square pillars across the front and two half-pillars against the facade; all have mitered edges. There is a wood railing of turned balusters. There are decorative corner block brackets below the porch roof cornice, and the cornice itself has dentils and brackets. There is a continuous pattern of decoration along the frieze. The doors are double and each has a single window pane in the top half and a single panel below. The doors are framed by full-length louvered shutters and have a prominent plain cyma recta cornice above them.

All of the windows on the facade, on the first and second stories, have cornices like the one over the entrance and are double hung sash, two panes over two, with louvered shutters. In each of the three gables is a single $2\frac{1}{2}$ attic window with a semicircular upper sash.

On the east (right) elevation, there is a single story bay window in the front bay: it has a bracketed cornice, dentils, and a continuation of the decorative pattern which appears on the porch frieze. There is a window in the rear bay and two on the second story: all three are two panes over two, double hung sash with louvered shutters.

On the west elevation there are no windows on the first story and two on the second; both are two panes over two and have shutters.

The main cornice of the house is bracketed. Each of the three gables has a pair of short returns. The roof is covered with composition shingles. The platform on the hip has decorative metal cresting around it and two corbeled chimneys within it.

The L-wing is set in slightly from the east elevation. It has a gabled roof, is two bays wide by four deep, and has an assortment of porches, secondary entrances, and a chimney of its own inside the rear gable end.

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
| 1877 | unknown |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the principal high Victorian style dwellings in Chestertown. It is as eclectic in its marriage of various mid-nineteenth century styles as the Whitsitt House on Front Street, but is a good deal more ambitious, in that it sets out to combine contrasting rather than related styles. The Whitsitt House is a combination of Greek Revival and Italianate styles; the Hubbard House combines the classical and the gothic.

The most interesting technical feature of this attempt is the combination of high peaked gables and a hipped roof with a platform. The hip and decorated platform break the vertical effect expressed by the gables--they do not quite reach its height--and this effect is carried out further by the 3-bay porch with its flat roof across the front of the house. The hip and platform, the gables, and the porch control the major resolution of the gothic/classical contrast; and there is an eclectic profusion of ornament which gives the house an impressive finish. The total effect is as satisfying as it is bold.

The house was built for Thomas Hubbard, the grandfather of Wilbur Hubbard, the present owner of Widehall, in 1877.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

Beginning at the northwest most corner of High Street of the lot or property wherein the Kent County Office Building is located and running by and with said High Street north $46\frac{1}{2}$ degrees West 92 feet to the lot or property of the future ~~sixth~~ site of the Kent County Public Library; and from thence North by and with said line of said Library land

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

$43\frac{1}{2}$ degrees East 268 feet to Parcel 2 and from thence by and with Parcel 2 South 46 degrees 30 minutes East 42 feet to the lot or property of the Kent County Office Building and from thence by and with said property to the point of beginning. And also, Parcel 2, that lot of land being $\frac{1}{4}$ of a whole lot known as Town Lot 53 on the plot of Chestertown situated on the westerly side of Calvert Street, adjoining the lands of said Office Building and the above described lot.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

April, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

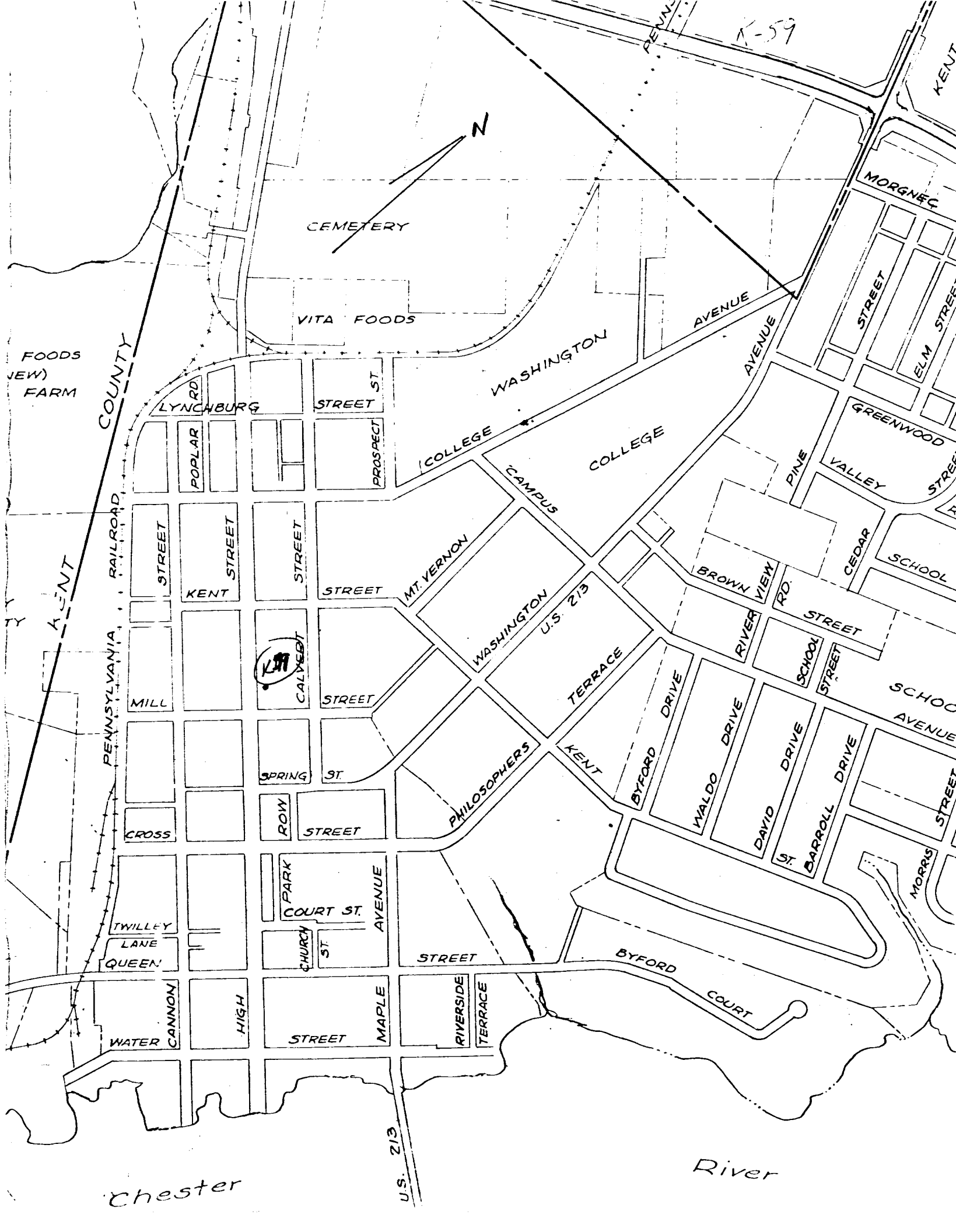
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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FARM

COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

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MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

TERRACE

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

SCHOOL AVENUE

STREET

MORRIS

CROSS

TWILLEY
LANE
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CANNON

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CHURCH ST.

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MAPLE

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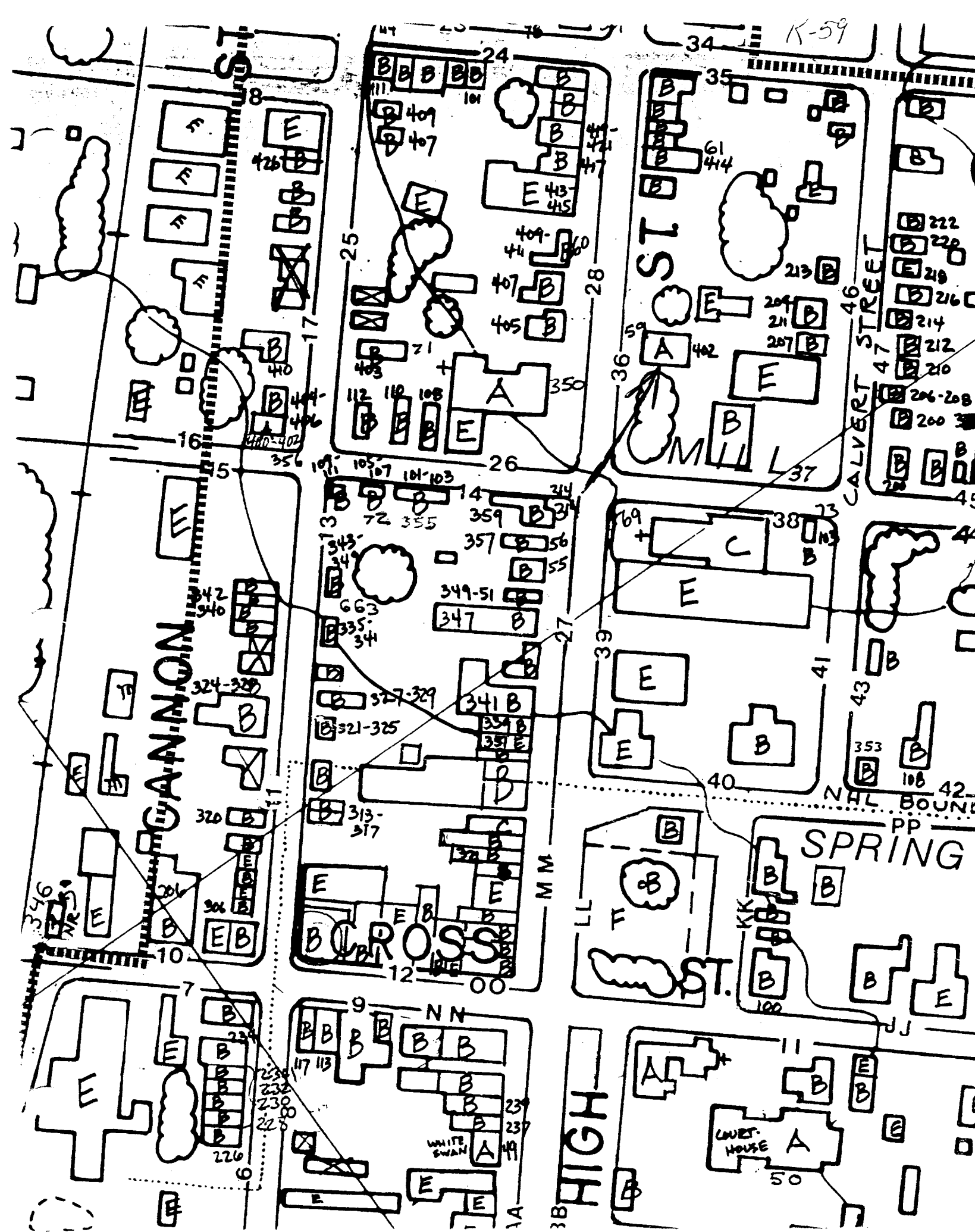
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